



Distillate Watch

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SUPPLY

- Production of distillate fuel oil fell to 3.7 million barrels per day (MMBD) this week while the four-week average remained at 3.8 MMBD. Production of heating oil averaged 1.0 MMBD for the week and the four-week average. Imports of distillate fuel oil averaged 0.2 MMBD this week, with heating fuel accounting for 68 percent of the volume. Demand for distillate fuel oil fell to an average of 3.2 MMBD for the week and 3.8 MMBD for the four-week average.
- Distillate fuel oil inventories rose 4.6 million barrels (MMB) to 142.2 MMB by January 4, 2002. Diesel fuel oil stocks increased 2.7 MMB to 79.2 MMB and heating oil stocks rose 1.8 MMB to 63.0 MMB. Inventories of distillate fuel oil ended the week near the upper end of the normal seasonal range.

Distillate Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					High Sulfur (Greater than 0.05% Sulfur) Week Ending				
	12/14/01	12/21/01	12/28/01	01/04/02	01/05/01	12/14/01	12/21/01	12/28/01	01/04/02	01/05/01
East Coast (PADD I)	446	392	424	436	533	207	230	230	193	358
Midwest (PADD II)	844	849	913	901	877	224	203	207	192	154
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,940	1,838	1,856	1,742	1,778	529	482	452	460	646
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	152	154	167	170	139	27	31	29	34	29
West Coast (PADD V)	462	458	459	472	557	116	87	87	102	130
U.S. Total	3,844	3,691	3,819	3,721	3,884	1,103	1,033	1,005	981	1,317

Distillate Stocks¹ by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					High Sulfur (Greater than 0.05% Sulfur) Week Ending				
	12/14/01	12/21/01	12/28/01	01/04/02	01/04/01	12/14/01	12/21/01	12/28/01	01/04/02	01/04/01
East Coast (PADD I)	62.0	60.2	59.1	62.5	41.6	40.9	41.3	38.6	40.5	25.0
PADD IX	10.9	10.6	10.2	10.8	7.7	8.5	8.2	7.7	8.0	5.7
PADD IY	38.1	37.4	36.8	36.6	23.4	27.6	28.0	26.9	26.3	15.5
PADD IZ	13.0	12.2	12.1	15.1	10.5	4.8	5.0	4.0	6.2	3.7
Midwest (PADD II)	29.9	29.4	32.1	32.9	29.5	8.1	8.1	8.7	8.9	7.7
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	31.2	32.5	31.5	31.6	30.9	10.3	11.2	11.1	10.7	11.3
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	3.4	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5
West Coast (PADD V)	12.2	12.0	11.9	12.0	12.7	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.4
U.S. Total	138.7	137.0	137.6	142.2	118.0	62.1	63.2	61.2	63.0	46.8

¹ Distillate fuel oil stocks held in the Northeast Heating Oil Reserve are not included. For details, see Appendix D in the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report*.

For information about distillate supply data, contact the National Energy Information Center at (202)586-8800. Internet: Infoctr@eia.doe.gov. Source: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report (WPSR)*.

PRICES

- Distillate spot and futures prices made gains during the New Year's holiday week, taking support from cold weather in the northeastern part of the United States. The recent production cut by OPEC also continued to lend support to prices. The New York Harbor spot price for heating oil rose 1.90 cents to 56.65 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB diesel fuel spot price dropped 5.25 cents to 58.00 cents per gallon.
- Retail on-highway diesel fuel prices fell slightly after two weeks of rising prices, shrinking 0.1 cent to 116.8 cents per gallon as of January 7, 2002. The average was 35.2 cents lower than a year ago. The average residential heating oil price stood at 116.4 cents per gallon as of January 7, 2002, a 0.5 cent increase over the December 31, 2001 posting of 115.9 cents per gallon. When viewed against a year-ago, retail prices remained well below their average, down 37.8 cents from the January 8, 2001 posting of 154.2 cents per gallon.

No. 2 Distillate Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	12/17/01	12/24/01	12/31/01	01/07/02	01/08/01	12/17/01	12/24/01	12/31/01	01/07/02	01/08/01
New York	53.58	54.98	55.00	56.57	85.85	52.83	54.48	54.75	56.65	84.35
Chicago	53.85	50.98	50.98	51.57	82.70	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	51.10	52.53	52.38	54.28	82.63	50.25	51.73	51.50	54.00	81.38
Los Angeles (CARB)	57.00	61.50	63.25	58.00	92.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

No. 2 Distillate Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes*)

District	On-Highway Diesel Fuel					Residential Heating Oil				
	12/17/01	12/24/01	12/31/01	01/07/02	01/08/01	12/17/01	12/24/01	12/31/01	01/07/02	01/08/01
East Coast (PADD I)	116.7	117.9	119.2	119.2	154.4	116.4	116.8	117.6	118.2	156.8
PADD IX	130.1	129.4	128.9	129.1	169.0	114.3	114.5	115.3	115.5	153.5
PADD IY	125.3	126.1	127.4	128.1	165.7	119.6	120.2	121.0	121.9	160.6
PADD IZ	111.8	113.3	114.9	114.5	148.3	105.9	106.1	106.5	106.7	146.8
Midwest (PADD II)	113.8	114.0	114.8	114.7	149.4	97.8	96.8	97.0	97.2	134.3
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	109.6	111.3	113.5	113.5	143.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	112.4	110.6	112.4	112.8	153.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	119.0	123.4	125.9	125.6	167.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
California	122.5	127.5	130.5	130.0	171.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
U.S. Average**	114.3	115.4	116.9	116.8	152.0	114.9	115.2	115.9	116.4	154.2

Source: Diesel Fuel prices: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-888, On-Highway Diesel Price Survey; Residential Heating Oil prices for PADDs I and II: from data supplied by 21 State Energy Offices (SHOPP prices) from October through mid-March.

* Taxes, if any, are not included in residential heating oil prices.

** Residential heating oil average is for PADDs I and II only.

NA = Not Available.

R = Revised.

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